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Offic Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/674,541	MOEHWALD ET AL.	
	Examiner Laura S Weiner	Art Unit 1745	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 14 and 18-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 14 and 18-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 14, 18-28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Terminal Disclaimer

2. The terminal disclaimer filed on 3-1-04 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of US 6,475,663 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Priority

3. A translation of foreign priority papers DE 19819752.7 filed 5-4-98 has been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. Therefore the rejection of claims 14, 20-22, 26 and 28 rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(a) as being anticipated by Bauer et al. (WO 99/19917) has been overcome.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. Claims 14, 18-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 14 is rejected because it is unclear what is meant by "polytetrafluoroethylene".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. Claims 14, 18, 23, 25, 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Barker et al. (5,643,695).

Barker et al. teaches in column 2, lines 45-50 and column 3, lines 12-16, a negative electrode having an active material consisting of graphite particles having a size less than about 48 microns. Barker et al. teaches in column 12, lines 29-44, that the graphite negative electrode consists of the graphite material and a binder. The binder composition is desirably a binder/electrolyte such as polymeric acrylates which are crosslinked by radiation curing. After mixing, the resulting paste containing the binder, active material and carbon for cathode is coated onto a current collector and any polymer content is polymerized and crosslinked by heat radiation or other curing means. Barker et al. teaches in column 18, lines 55-67, that the negative electrode comprises 80-95 percent by weight of the specific graphite particles and more preferably about 90 percent by weight, the balance constituted by the binder.

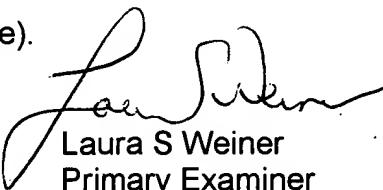
Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 19-22, 24, 26, 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura S Weiner whose telephone number is 571-272-1294. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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